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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head
BBC Monitoring Service
Caversham Park
Reading Berks, England

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of 28 April. [] has told me of his visit to Caversham, and your progress in East Africa. I am glad that you are definitely expecting to be in business in the fall.

[] is to head the FBIS African station, is now in Washington. He will not go to Africa until our negotiations with the Nigerians have been successfully completed. I understand that a meeting is set up for 18 May in London with Prime Minister Balewa, to attempt to expedite formal Nigerian acceptance of our proposal for a station at Kaduna. Your assistance, and that of J.B. Clark are most appreciated.

A visit from John Sheringham in October or November will be entirely acceptable. Sheringham is highly regarded by our people, all of whom will be glad to see him. When his itinerary is confirmed we will set up whatever reservations and other arrangements he may desire.

In regard to the elevator, we are again not going to be able to put it through in the current fiscal year, which ends on 30 June 1960. All our available funds have been earmarked for other items. I hope, however, to be able to make a definite proposal to you sometime in the next fiscal year.

You will recall that during my visit to Caversham last October, I mentioned the probability of the assignment of [] to London Bureau to succeed [], and I recall that you expressed agreement. McPherson is now scheduled to take over the London Bureau around 1 March 1961. Weiss is to become Chief of Radio Propaganda Branch in Headquarters. It is quite desirable that [] remain here in Headquarters until [] is firmly established in his new duties; therefore the plan is that [] will be Acting Chief, London Bureau, for two or three months after [] departure.

FBIS is making a few other reassignments at London Bureau, of which you may already have been informed. [] is being replaced as senior editor by [], who has been at Santa Rosa for the last

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three years. Among the junior editors, [] is to replace
[] about 1 September, and [] is to replace []
[] about 31 October.

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I envy you your trip to Cyprus. I am sure that you will enjoy it.
I had asked [] some time ago if he could arrange to be at the
station for the Coordination Committee Meeting. Although I am not sure
of his plans, I presume that he will take his leave either before or
after the meeting.

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Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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*cc. Chief, London Bureau
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Ltr Re: Sheringham's Visit; Coordination Meeting; Elevator, etc.

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Dear Roger,

It was very nice seeing [] on his visit here earlier this month, and I am only sorry his schedule did not allow him to spend longer with us.

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He will no doubt have told you of the progress we have made in East Africa, and I am hopeful that we will be in operation in Nairobi, albeit in a limited way, by late autumn. I hope that you are not encountering any difficulties in your West African project for whom I understand you have selected [] as Bureau Chief, and I hope very much it will be possible for him to visit us on his way through so that we may discuss the respective operations, which will I think be of mutual advantage.

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I am sorry to have been so vacillating about Sheringham's visit, but for your private information the position was that he was being considered by the Corporation for another appointment, and until that had been settled it was clearly unprofitable to consider sending him on a liaison visit to you. This has now resolved itself and he is remaining with us for the time being, and therefore I would like very much to propose that the twice postponed visit should take place perhaps in October and November, if that would be convenient for you and your people. Perhaps you could let me know as to this.

As you know, there is a Coordination meeting due to take place in Kyrenia in early summer, and as it is some six years since I was last there I am proposing to go to the meeting myself this time. The dates that would suit me best are in the first week in June, and I have been in correspondence with [] as to this. I understand that he himself is to be

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on leave at this time and I would not for a moment propose that he should change his plans - I know [redacted] and if you have no objection I will carry on as planned and hold the meeting with [redacted]. It would be difficult for me to fix dates either earlier or much later in the year, and incidentally I would like to be in Cyprus before the weather gets too hot.

As you will have heard, I had a discussion with George Carey about the elevator here during his visit, and I will wait to hear from you whether you wish me to proceed further. If we are going to have it installed during this year, the sooner the preliminary paper work is started, which will enable estimates to be obtained, the better it will be, since these things are always subject to many delays.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



J. T. Campbell
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